

OUR TOWN

A Digital Newsletter from the Town of Dover, MA

Happy New Year!

2022

We're looking forward to bringing you the news from the Town of Dover in 2022!

This is a volunteer-driven effort. If you would like to get involved or have any feedback, we'd love to hear from you at websiteteam@dovertownma.gov.

If you are part of a town committee and would like to submit content for the February issue, please contact Ruth Townsend at aaandrtownsend@yahoo.com

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Dover Police officers getting ready to deliver meals, boughs, and poinsettias to seniors at home.

Board of Selectmen



The Board of Selectmen would like to thank Town staff and volunteers for all of their hard work in 2021!

Take a moment to learn more about the status of our [FY22 Goals](#) as we work together to meet our objectives and grow together as a Town.

Wishing you and yours a safe, healthy, and productive new year!

State Representative Denise Garlick

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State Representative – 13th Norfolk District

Serving Needham, Dover, and Precincts 1 and 2 in Medfield



SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for Rep. Denise Garlick's Annual Report to the Dover Community where she will present her legislative and community activities during 2021 as well as her priorities for 2022. This event will be virtual on Monday, February 7th at 7 p.m. via Zoom and will also air live on DSCTV. Stay tuned to Rep. Garlick's [website](#) for more information.

Community Center Building Committee

The Community Center Building Committee is pleased to show the final external design of the Caryl Community Center recommended by the Building Committee and our architect Fennick McCredie Architecture. Over the next weeks the Building Committee will receive its third round of estimated costs. This will give a pathway from 80% design to 100% design. The committee is also working towards hiring a General Contractor to add to their team in early March with a 13 month anticipated construction schedule to begin in April. During construction, the building and site will be fenced off and vacated by Park & Recreation, Council on Aging and the Center for the Development of Children (CDC). The committee is working with the Town to use space at Whiting Road (old fire station) for storage. Please feel free to join us for our Building Committee meetings which are posted on the Dover [website](#) in advance of our meetings.



Council on Aging (COA)

The Council on Aging saw so many in the Dover community come together in support of seniors during the holiday season. Every act of kindness has gone a long way to provide personal connections, and Dover COA is grateful. Special thanks to all who reached out to seniors, including the Dover Police who hosted their annual holiday brunch, and The Dover Church and volunteers, including many DSHS students, who baked for our Cookie "Swap." As one senior noted, "It's a wonderful gift to a senior citizen who used to do a lot of baking at Christmas time, but who no longer does. I will enjoy every bite!" To add to the holiday cheer, Troop 1 Dover Boy Scouts donated wreaths that were shared with seniors, and Girl Scouts Troop 67201 turned hundreds of donated pinecones into wreaths that they delivered. The COA appreciates how neighbors are looking out for one another. As we head into 2022, we look forward to strengthening our community connections even further. Happy New Year from the COA!



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

**The COA has a newsletter!
Click [here](#) to view the
current issue and be up-to-
date on all of their services
and events!**

Parks and Recreation



Dover Parks and Recreation has recently completed a hydro-raking project at Channing Pond with the help of Solitude Lake Management.

A hydro-rake is best described as a floating barge containing a mounted backhoe arm with a rake attachment. This project is critical for aquatic habitat management at Channing Pond, including the protection of fisheries, protection of wildlife habitat and restoration of water quality.

Take a look at other pictures from this unique project and follow along with other current and future Dover Parks and Recreation projects on our Instagram page @doverrecma!

Many of Dover Parks and Recreation's winter programs will begin during the first week of January and our indoor activities have very limited space available this year.

To see what programs still have space remaining and to register right from home, visit

<https://doverrec.activityreg.com> today!

**Dover PARKS &
RECREATION**
where you live, where you grow



Our Schools

Minuteman High School – Apply Today!

Minuteman High School is a great option for Dover families. With 19 career technical education majors, award-winning academics, 14 sports teams and 20 clubs and activities, students excel at what they love to do - and what they do well.

For the Class of 2021, 67% of graduates immediately enrolled in a college or university, and 23% began working in their career trade of study. Minuteman's 19 career majors include automotive, biotechnology, engineering, design and visual communications, multimedia, web programming, plumbing, electrical, culinary arts - and a new major: animal science.



Dover is a member of the Minuteman Regional School District. Visit minuteman.org/admissions to learn more on the admissions process, watch a video with current students, read about students and alumni, take a video tour of the new school building that opened in 2019.



Gratitude and Thanks!

Chickering continues into the winter months with gratitude and thanks as major themes. The school participated in Gift for Kids, a non-profit organization that provides gifts for children in the Metrowest area. Like last year, due to Covid, it was a cash donation system instead of gifts. We raised \$2,642.82 for their work!



Empowering Writers

Our writing program, Empowering Writers, focuses on gratitude and gifts at this time of year. Students are writing in different genres about how they are grateful. Our traditional winter celebrations, concerts and sing-a-longs, will be held this year, in a Covid style. A small number of students will participate in the cafeteria and most will participate from their classrooms as we live stream the events. A silver lining of our Covid experience, we can now share future events in the school with the community.



Our Schools Continued

PTO sponsored a Book Donation to Chickering where families could donate "gently used" books from their home libraries for use in school. Families also had the option to donate to Park Street books for new purchases.



Looking ahead, on Jan. 12 we will host our Spelling Bee. The event will be held virtually again this year. We look forward to seeing our spellers shine!



DS Winter High School Sports are underway!

The high school has 254 student athletes competing in 13 winter sports this season. Boys basketball is off to a strong start with a 4-1 record overall, as they earned a non league win before the break on Thursday night vs. Nipmuc. The girls basketball earned their first win at home on Tuesday night in a great game vs. Dedham and are 1-2 going into the break. Boys ice hockey, which co-ops with Weston, earned their first win of the season on Wednesday night at Dedham and are 1-2 going into the break. Girls hockey, which co-ops with Hopkinton and Nipmuc, is 0-5 but much improved offensively this year as they have already scored more goals this season than they did last year. Boys indoor track continues to dominate in the TVL as they are 2-0 going into the break. Girls indoor track has strong participation numbers at 27, and the team has high hopes for a strong finish after a close loss to Medway to start the season 0-1. Boys swim and dive is 2-2 and girls swim and dive is 1-2 on the season, and have had really strong individual performances by Nate Randa, Irene Yang, Ava Yablonski, and Ellie Soska. The Nordic and Alpine ski teams have great numbers with 23 boys and girls on Nordic and 35 boys and girls on Alpine. The ski teams start their races after the break. The gymnastics team, which co-ops with Medfield and Ashland, has five female student athletes on the team and they start their competitions over the break.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to....
Ava Yablonski - women's swim at
The University of Minnesota

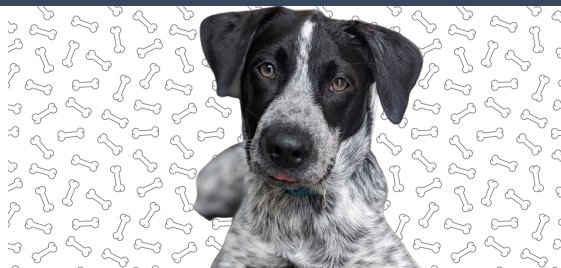
Rachel Herman - women's soccer
at the University of Pennsylvania



Town Clerk - Dog License Renewal

Dog License Renewals

Applications will be sent out in January, and are due by March 15. Please remember to provide a current rabies certificate with your application!



Recycling Committee

COMING SOON

The Dover Recycling Committee is excited to announce the upcoming reopening of the newly expanded swap shop. Residents will again be able drop off re-usable items that are functional, clean, unbroken and complete that you no longer need but someone else can use. Your trash is another Doverite's treasure!

The Swap Shop's goal is to remove things from the Town's waste stream and serve as a recycle and re-use center. The Swap Shop will function best when residents help to keep it organized and uncluttered. Shelves and bins will be designated for specific items which must be unpacked and placed in the appropriate area. No boxes or bags should be left on the floor.

Acceptable items include:

- Books in good condition. Non-fiction books must be current.
No textbooks - deposit in More than Words book bin
- Household goods in good usable condition
- Games must be complete with all pieces

Unacceptable items include:

- 1. Textiles - place in bags and deposit in textile bins
- 2. Food - deposit bagged but not in packaging into Food Waste barrels
- 3. Mattresses - notify staff to open the Mattress deposit trailer
- 4. TVs, Computer monitors - place in front of electronics trailer
- 5. Tires - Collected semi-annually during Special Recycling Weekends.



COVID-19 Update



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Dover's Board of Health issues a COVID-19 update each week. Check out the Town's [COVID-19 page](#) and sign up to receive the alerts via email or text [here](#).



Hope everyone has a Happy and Healthy New Year!

**Boards and Committees: Want to contribute to next month's newsletter?
Please submit content to Ruth at aandrtownsend@yahoo.com by January 15**



**We hope you have enjoyed this slice of life from Our Town. Look out
for our next update at the beginning of February.**

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